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**MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
December 10, 1996**

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Elaine Carter, Secretary, Rocky Medrano, Vice Chair, Dewayne Naumann, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Phil Friday, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Marianne Dwight, Mary K. Isaacs.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Director, Kim Jamail Mitchell, Peter Marsh, Stuart Strong, Mary Ybarbo, Heather Griffith Peterson.

A. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 26, 1996 meeting were approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Ron Cartlidge, former eight (8) year member of the Parks Board and former Chairman of the Navigation Committee was recognized for his many years of service and dedication and was presented with a plaque.

Michael Parks, Revenue Officer with the Financial Department presented an overview of the City Manager's Affordability Study which is a guiding principle for how the City does business. The purpose is to evaluate all city programs over the next five years. This year the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) programs are being reviewed with results due in June 1997. The Board will be informed of the results of the study.

Stuart Strong gave a brief overview of the City's projected CIP Bond Elections. Jesus M. Olivares, Director, informed the Board the end of February is the deadline for submitting projects to be included in an upcoming Bond Election. He suggested that a series of public hearings to solicit citizen input be held in January and February in various geographical areas around the city. Staff will set a schedule and after ideas/suggestions are compiled and sent for review to the City Manager's office, the Board will be asked to review.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

Approve Construction of 37 Additional Slips at Lake Austin Marina (2219 Westlake Drive)

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board this project would create 37 additional boat slips at the site of the old Louie's on the Lake Restaurant. The present building will be reduced to 1,000 sq. ft. (as opposed to the original 7,500 sq. ft.). Existing trees, shrubs and other vegetation will remain. Excavation and relocation of the shoreline would be necessary to create the water area for the additional slips. A new parking lot will provide sufficient parking for the additional slips. Board Members expressed concern about increased traffic on the lake and an increase in noise pollution but were reassured these will not be a problem. The Navigation Committee recommended for approval with the following concerns to be addressed: (1) no adverse comments from the Park Police Lake Patrol regarding navigation safety; (2) approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers; and (3) review and approval of the dock construction and floatation system by PARD staff.

Approve Construction of a Floating Swimming Deck at Lake Pointe on Lake Austin, File # Exempt

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board the Navigation Committee recommended for approval with the following exceptions: (1) Navigation light stations provided in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)2(B)(3) that require light stations to be located not more than 25' apart along the length parallel with the shoreline. The light stations should be equipped with light bulbs rated between 7 1/2 and 25 watts; (2) review and approval of the dock construction and floatation system by PARD staff; and (3) approval is for the floating swimming deck only and not approval for the trail between the asphalt access trail and the swimming deck itself.

Approve Construction of a Two-Slip Boat Dock at 1411 Weston Lane North, File # SP-96-0380DS

Dewayne Naumann informed the Board the Navigation Committee recommended for approval with the following exceptions: (1) Navigation light stations must be provided on both exterior corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(2)(B)(2); and (2) approval of the boat dock is not approval to construct within the building line setback indicated on the subdivision plat. The homeowners subdivision has given approval for this construction.

Marianne Dwight moved to accept the recommendations of the Navigation Committee for the above three (3) items. The vote in favor was 9-0 (Friday, Isaacs, Carter, Medrano, Naumann, Zamarripa, Dwight, Cruz-Torres, Castleberry).

Before proceeding with the next item, Mary K. Isaacs reported to the Board the Land and Facilities Committee have been discussing, but have not had a chance to bring before the Board, a request to allow Water and Wastewater Utility access through Shoal Creek Greenbelt for water lines for Green Water Treatment Plant. The committee approved this request. The item

goes before Council on the January 9, 1997 agenda. The Board Members expressed agreement.

Make Recommendation to Council Regarding Aqua Festival Contract

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, informed the Board that he had received a proposed amendment to the License Agreement from the Austin Aqua Fest Board (AAF) and that he is proposing the following: (1) defer payment of \$55,895 (which was due 10/1/96); (2) amendment would be for one year and apply only to the 1997 festival; (3) allow AAF to submit a business and marketing plan to PARD by the end of February 1997; (4) allow AAF to submit a preliminary budget to the City no later than the end of March 1997 showing an itemized reduction in expenses necessary to produce the 1997 festival; (5) allow AAF to have a 60-day extension to submit a certified audit (from 2/28/97 to approximately 4/28/97); (6) require AAF to pay the City \$12,421 of its outstanding debt (10% of the total owed), plus rental fees and all anticipated direct costs for 1997 no later than 90 days prior to the 1997 festival (approx. April 25); (7) require AAF to pay the outstanding balance of \$111,793 in the following manner: \$42,301 plus any outstanding 1997 direct costs no later than 10/1/97 and a final \$69,492 no later than 10/1/98; (8) declare the License Agreement null and void if any of the payment deadlines are not met; (9) require AAF to pay any net proceeds from the 1997 festival to retirement of debt.

Sheena Hickman, President of Aqua Fest, informed the Board the 1997 AAF will be smaller and more compact; The Board of Directors will submit a budget, a budget committee has been created, a business plan will be submitted to PARD, an advertising company has offered its services to market AAF, there will be fund raisers from January thru September/October 1997 to pay off 1996 vendors. The AAF Board wants to continue the festival.

There was discussion among members and Aqua Fest staff.

Phil Friday moved to approve the proposed amendment. Ricardo Rocky Medrano seconded. The vote was 3-4-2 For: Phil Friday, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Ricardo Rocky Medrano. Against: Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Marianne Dwight, Mary K. Isaacs, Elaine Carter. Abstained: Dewayne Naumann, Rosemary Castleberry). The motion failed.

Make Recommendation to Council to Increase the Parks Maintenance Budget for 97-98

Phil Friday informed the Board he has drafted a letter and questionnaire to be sent to the various advisory boards within PARD asking them to identify maintenance problems and soliciting their help in making recommendations to Council for additional funds in the 97-98 budget. Statistics will be compiled from the surveys.

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board Members were given the latest copy of the Downtown Report. They were invited to the Umlauf Sculpture Garden and Museum on Sunday, December 15, 1996 for the acceptance of the Roberta Crenshaw Building to the City. They were given a Pan Am Report- writings and photography by students about their neighborhood and recreation center. They were invited to attend a meeting 12/11/96 with the aeromodelers at Mary Moore Searight Park. And finally they were invited to the department quarterly meeting and Christmas luncheon on 12/19/96 at 11:30 a.m. at Givens Recreation Center.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Erma Linda Curz-Torres informed the Board the Programs Committee staff gave a Social Fabric Presentation at the last meeting and will be presenting the item to the full Board in January.

Marianne Dwight informed the Board the Downtown Committee has been re-activited and suggested PARD send a suggestion to Council to nominate Phil Friday as representative.

Dewayne Naumann and Peter Marsh plan to schedule a meeting soon to discuss accomplishing goals in the months ahead and all members will be invited to attend. He and Peter attended the Lake Austin Advisory Panel and discussed lowering Lake Austin for clean up and killing of duckweed.

Elaine Carter asked about the status of Norwood House. Ms. Bea Fincher will be available in January to give a presentation.

H. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.